

WILL BE FRIENDLY BUT FIRM

Reply of United States to England and France

Will Be That International Law Must Be Respected.

THEIR POLICY IS MADE PLAIN But Not So the Method of Putting into Effect.

On That Depends Future Action of the Government.

(By John Edwin Nevin.) Washington, March 2.—No nation has the right to change the international rules of war. Conditions of war under which nations have waged war have radically changed, but the rules as laid down and subscribed to by all powers, still exist and must be lived up to.

Stripped of legal verbiage and diplomatic assurances of goodwill, this will be the answer of the United States to the latest announcement of Great Britain and France. It is the position of the Wilson administration and will be adhered to at all times.

President Wilson emphasized to his cabinet today that he believed the international rules apply equally to all of the belligerent powers of Europe. All have certain pledged duties to perform so far as this country is concerned. And they will be reminded of these duties in the most friendly but perfectly firm manner.

The president and cabinet considered the British note at length today. It was stated, however, its contents are still subject to doubt as to exactly what is meant by England's blockade declaration in which the use of either blockade or contraband is carefully avoided. The president told his cabinet that he would like to see the declaration to determine just how far England and France want to go and how they intend carrying out their plan.

The president accepted the note handed to the United States and the declaration made by Premier Asquith in the house of commons as the announcement only of the policy. The mode of putting it into effect is still to be determined.

This government, it is learned, holds that whether or not the belligerents in Europe are violating their promises made to each other is of no concern to the United States. But when they violate their promises and agreements with this country, the United States will insist that they reconsider and maintain their obligations.

While admitting the seriousness of the situation, the president has no intention of Germany's submarine blockade and followed up by the Anglo-Saxon ultimatum, officials remain hopeful that this country's friendly protest will be heard. It is now considered certain that the United States will be asked by the European neutral powers to join in the blockade of Germany in dealing with all of the late developments and that such a united front will receive consideration from the belligerents.

MINE EXPLOSION

Workmen to the Number of 171 Are Shut In.

Rescuers Have the Hope of Saving Some of Them.

Hinton, W. Va., March 2.—An explosion occurred in the mine of the New River and Pocahontas Consolidated Coal company, three miles from Thurmond, W. Va., today. The mine connects with another mine each employing 80 men, all of whom are believed to have been in the pits when the explosion occurred. Rescue parties were at once organized, and the fans were set going within fifteen minutes after the explosion.

The explosion occurred in mine number 2, great volumes of smoke pouring out of the openings. As it is directly connected with mine number 4 it was feared the men there had also felt the force of the blast. Throngs of excited people hurried from nearby mining towns and rescue parties were formed to penetrate the workings.

Latest reports reaching here this afternoon state that 171 men were at work in mine No. 3 when the explosion occurred. Searchers have gotten into the workings and report that there is hope of saving some lives.

The fan was found to be little damaged and has been repaired and placed in operation. It is now circulating fresh air through the shaft and diggings. The cause of the explosion is a mystery.

HUNT HUMAN GAME.

Regina, Sask., March 2.—Posters announcing the assembling of the third Canadian expeditionary force to be sent to the war, on exhibition here today, show the light-heartedness of the Canadians. The wording is: "TO BERLIN"

"The country is arranging a trip to Germany, in the spring for a few

"SPORTSMEN.
"All hotel expenses and railway fares paid.
"Good shooting and hunting.
"Ages 18-38.
"Rifles and ammunition supplied free.
"Cheap trips to the Rhine.
"Apply at once, as there will be only a limited number (one million) admitted."

"HOW D'YE DO, COME IN!" SENATE TO MRS. MONROE

Upper House Legislature Squares Itself With Mrs. Lila Day Monroe.

Sweeping Anti-Lobby Order Made Not to Apply to Local Woman.

LOBBYETTES ARE PEEVED! Singling Out of One Lady Was Too Much for the Visitors.

Gallery Guardian Will Now Have to Calm Gentler Sex.

Today the state senate squared itself with the ladies of Kansas by extending to Mrs. Lila Day Monroe its unanimous invitation to avail herself of the privileges of the floor at any and all times during the remainder of the present session. Yesterday Mrs. Monroe was barred from the chamber by the sweeping order to clear out all the lobbyists. That order was directed at a couple of billiard and pool hall lobbyists, who happened to be in the chamber and were directed to clear out. The order was considerably chagrined to discover, when the order was put into effect, that the sergeant-at-arms had singled out the daily authorized representative of Kansas club women who are interested in the passage of the child hygiene bill.

It was Senator E. F. Porter of Crawford who introduced the resolution singling out Mrs. Monroe as the only individual who has been singled out at the present session for the honor.

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FIRED ON TRAINS

Warships of Allies Bombard Turkish Reinforcements.

London, March 2.—Turkish troop trains, moving southward from Constantinople, to reinforce the Dardanelles forts on the European side, have been heavily damaged by a British battleship in the Gulf of Saros, according to dispatches received here today from Athens.

The warship's guns were also trained on the Turkish fortifications on the north shore of Gallipoli peninsula, near Bulair. The Athens dispatches confirm previous reports that the allied fleet planned to send a landing party ashore above Bulair and seize the isthmus.

Above Bulair, Gallipoli peninsula narrows to a width of but four miles. The allies, according to reports received here, will attempt to seize the isthmus at this point, mount heavy guns and cut the lines of communication between Constantinople and the European forts of the Dardanelles.

The admiral was without information today regarding the progress of the bombardment inside the Dardanelles. The last official report says that a heavy gale continues to hinder operations.

DIE IN WATER MAIN

Two Hundred Mexican Warriors Drowned at Capital.

Attempting to Steal Behind Lines When Water Rushed In.

Mexico City, March 2.—Two hundred men of General Obregon's command were drowned in the water main leading out to the suburban sources of Mexico City's water supply in a recent attempt to get to the rear of the Zapatista forces.

When the Zapatistas were compelled to evacuate the capital a few weeks ago, they retired to the suburb of Xochimilco and seized the sources of the city's water supply, making the capital dependent on artesian wells and a small reservoir in a park near Chapultepec Castle. The unfinished sewers, due to the fact that a scarcity of water made it unwise to use it for anything than drinking purposes, seriously menaced the health of the city. General Obregon made many attempts to recapture the main sources of the water supply in the old Indian town of Xochimilco, but all of them were repulsed by Zapata's men. A daring raid was finally decided upon, for which General Obregon detached the police, but all of them were dropped into the mains, which had long been dry, and to attempt to travel through them to an opening at the rear of Zapata's main position.

A spy informed the latter general of the ruse and after the men had been allowed to travel some distance in the mains, the full force of the water was turned on, drowning the invading force to a man.

MORE BAD WEATHER.

This Was a Day of Gloom—May Be Rain Tonight.

As per schedule the weather was gloomy today. The forecast suggests the probability of rain tonight and Wednesday. The temperature in the western portion of the state with accompanying high winds.

The minimum temperature at 7 and 8 o'clock this morning—23 degrees—was eight degrees above the normal minimum for this date. Two years ago today the temperature was one above zero.

The snow has disappeared in all sections of the state with the exception of the west. There was four inches of snow at Lakin, halfway between Dodge City and the Colorado line, today.

With rain today in Nebraska and Texas and snow in Colorado the chances for rain tonight or Wednesday are excellent.

The hourly readings: 7 o'clock 23 11 o'clock 37 8 o'clock 23 12 o'clock 39 9 o'clock 23 1 o'clock 40 10 o'clock 35 2 o'clock 41

LIGHTED BOMB REVEALED PLOT

Man Arrested in Aisle of St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Explosion Was To Be Signal to His Confederates.

ANARCHIST PLOT IS NIPPED Planned to Assassinate Carnegie and the Rockefellers.

Raid the Banks and Shoot Up the Town.

New York, March 2.—An attempt to blow up St. Patrick's cathedral with a bomb today and the arrest of two men by detectives who had been in-



St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, the Destruction of Which Was Attempted by Anarchists Today.

formed for months of their activities, was followed by an announcement made at police headquarters that the arrests had balked an anarchist plot to kill with bombs Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and other wealthy men. Thereafter the anarchists, according to the police, were to inaugurate in New York a reign of terror comparable only to the days of the French revolution. It was part of the plot, the police assert, for gangs of men armed with rifles and revolvers to appear simultaneously in various parts of the city to shoot and to pillage; the biggest banks of New York were to be blown up and many wealthy men were to be slain.

The wrecking of the cathedral was to be the signal for the opening of the elaborate campaign of murder and looting. The next move, according to the police was to place bombs in the homes of Andrew Carnegie, the Rockefellers and Cornelius Vanderbilt. So far had the plot progressed toward this end, that the manufacture of the bombs, the police say, had already been started. With the capitalists disposed of, the anarchists planned, according to the police, to invade the financial district and lay their bombs in the city's biggest banks. General looting was to follow.

For months a central office detective had worked in the inner circle according to the police, and had kept the detective bureau advised of all their plans. This detective, Frank Baldo, assisted in the manufacture of the bomb with which the attempt was made today to blow up the cathedral.

The detective accompanied the bomb thrower to the edifice and sat with him while he lighted the bomb and hurled it at the altar.

Alive With Detectives. Immediately the cathedral, in which 800 persons sat at worship, became alive with detectives, whose appearance had been unsuspected by the bomb carrier. Baldo sitting beside him, placed him under arrest, detectives sitting in the pew behind, dashed into the aisle, and stamped out the sputtering fuse. The congregation hardly realized what had happened when it was all over and there was no panic.

At police headquarters the alleged bomb thrower said he was Frank Abarno, a lithographer, 24 years old.

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MORTGAGES TAKEN OFF THE KANSAS TAX ROLLS

A Registration Fee Is Substituted for Regular Assessment.

Senate Adopts the Report of the Conference Committee.

CORPORATIONS EXEMPTED They Are Not Liable for More Than \$5,000 in One Fee.

Senator Troutman Goes on Record in Opposition to the Change.

The senate this morning adopted the conference committee report on the house amendments to the mortgage registration bill which will take off the tax roll all mortgages on Kansas realty and draw revenue from them through a registration fee of 15 cents on the \$100 valuation. One amendment to the bill cuts down the liability of corporations to pay more than \$5,000 in registration fees on any bond issue, while another cuts out the provision intended to enforce registra-

tion by making failure to pay the registration fee a defense for the borrower against foreclosure proceedings.

Senators Troutman, Mahin, Hinds and Wilson of Washington went on record as strongly opposed to the bill, declaring against its principle of putting the mortgage tax directly on the borrower, the feature of exemption for the largest borrowers and the heavy reduction it will make in general revenues for the state.

"This bill is a palpable subterfuge for the benefit of the mortgage loaning interests operating in the state of Kansas," declared Senator Troutman. "It is full of inequitable and iniquitous provisions. I entertain no doubts of its unconstitutionality, but I want to predict that if it does run the gauntlet of the supreme court it will impose an unfair burden upon the poorest taxpayers of the state of Kansas which will call for a universal demand for its repeal."

Mahin declared that he would not support any measure which takes the tax off the money lender and puts it on the borrower while at the same time it removes the burden from the railroad borrower and still levies the full force of his numerous liens on the real estate who wants a loan.

"You can't vote for a bill that takes \$675,000 of taxes off the shoulders of a million or more bushels tended later to induce a removal of some of the depression, after May had sunk to \$1.41 1/4, a total drop of 6 1/2%," the close, nevertheless, was decidedly unsettled at 1 1/2 to 6 1/2 under last night.

The day in Congress. Washington, March 2.—Senate debate was resumed on the Indian bill. Conference committees were busy composing disputed amendments with the house. Conference report on the ship bill was brought into the house and was at once confronted by a Republican filibuster.

Export Sales.

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THIS ENDS THE 50-DAY SESSION

But Legislature Will Not Adjourn for Several Days.

Lawmakers Receive No More Pay After Vouchers Tonight.

WOUNDED PARTY PLATFORMS

Six Administration Measures Trampled Under Foot.

Record of 50 Days of Work as It Now Stands.

Today ends the regular fifty-day session of the state legislature and there is nothing ready for the statute books that resembles a platform promise redeemed. In fact, some six or eight measures recommended in the Republican platform and in Governor Capper's message have been rather heartlessly trampled under foot. The responsibility is quite evenly divided between the Democratic senate and the Republican house.

Not in the last ten years has there been a longer open season on platform pledges. In former sessions it was quite customary for a select number of legislators to come to Topeka and grumble about some one or two provisions in the platform. Usually at the end of the second week the grumbling ceased and the administration strung a bunch of party promises.

PASSED I. AND R.

Senate Checks Up Constitutional Amendment to House.

"Good News to Socialists," Comments Price of Clark.

The senate this morning passed the initiative and referendum resolution written by Senator A. B. Carney by a vote of 29 to 6, passing along to the house of representatives the proposal to submit to the voters of Kansas in 1916 the question of amending the constitution. The senate gave the proposal the required two-thirds majority of the whole membership. Senator Francis C. Price of Clark county was the only member speaking against it.

"I want to register my protest against wasting the time of this legislature in discussing and balloting upon dead issues whose only purpose can be that of political buncombe. If the initiative and referendum is ever written into our constitution it will be glad tidings to every Socialist camp in the country. The new provision in our constitution prohibiting the state from engaging in business has been worth more to the state of Kansas than the initiative and referendum will ever be.

"You will remember that the weak recall provision of our constitution was put there by less than 50 per cent of the voters who voted at the general election when it was submitted. If our government is to be preserved at all it must be preserved in its representative form and the initiative and referendum of 20 per cent of the people at times when they are impassioned by temporary considerations. I am proud to stand up here and vote no on a proposition which is an assault upon the fundamental principles on which our government is established."

A SET OF CHUMPS

Reno County Member So Designates Kansas Representatives.

House Sat Bewildered During Workmen's Compensation Bill.

Frank L. Martin of Reno county today told house members that they were proving the William Allen White assertion that the 1915 legislature is a litany body. Martin's remarks to the house members came today in the course of the lengthy debate concerning provisions of the workmen's compensation act.

The bill had been under consideration more than six hours and it was apparent that the members were puzzled and bewildered. Most of them were apparently hopelessly lost in the flood of proposed amendments and only the immediate friends and stubborn opponents of the bill were in touch with the situation. Frank L. Travis of Allen county had proposed one of his numerous amendments to the bill. Martin didn't understand the amendment and the clerk read the provision a second time.

"Does anyone besides the maker of this motion know what we are voting on?" asked Martin. "There was no answer. Travis started to explain. 'I didn't ask you,' snapped Martin. 'I said that no one except the maker of the motion knew what it was about and I mean it. Aren't you a set of chumps to be working here and not knowing what we are doing. We are certainly verifying William Allen White's charge that we haven't sense enough to blow up.'"

The Travis amendment carried.

Friendly Reconciliation.

San Francisco, March 2.—The Equitable Trust company of New York filed a petition with Judge Van Fleet of the United States district court today asking that the Western Pacific railroad be placed in the hands of a receiver. The petition was joined in by the Western Pacific company and both asked that Warren Olney, Jr., chief counsel of the railway, be named receiver.

LABOR UNIONS WIN FIGHT IN THE HOUSE

Workmen's Compensation Bill Is Passed by a Big Majority.

It Has the Approval of Both Employers and Employees.

IT INCLUDES ARBITRATION Fixes a Scale of Damages in Case of Injury.

Also Makes Provisions Concerning Safety Appliances.

After almost an entire day's debate, the house today passed the workmen's compensation bill virtually as recommended by the committee on labor. But six votes were cast against the measure on final roll call while 106 members voted for the passage of the act. Several members declared that the bill contained defects which would require attention of future legislatures.

As passed, the bill is generally satisfactory to the labor organizations of the state and does not displease corporations which are large employers of labor. The measure provides a scale of damages to be allowed in case of injury and stipulates that compensation shall be paid beginning one week after injury. Provisions concerning safety appliances and liability of employers in various cases are made in the bill. The measure also calls for arbitration of any claim before the filing of a claim for damages in a court of record.

Several house members explained that the bill was not entirely satisfactory in its present form, but that they hoped for remedial action by a future legislature.

Broadening of the provisions of the existing compensation act was urged in the platforms of both the Republican and Democratic platforms in the recent campaign. For this reason party lines were not drawn in the vote on the bill, although opposite votes came largely from the Democratic side of the house.

Members voting against the measure on final passage were: Auld, England, in the morning, Moorehead, Moxey, Pierce and Timken.

SHORT OUT OF IT

Three Candidates Left in Race for Mayor of Topeka.

House, Lannan and Blakely Will Fight It Out Now.

Charles L. Short, 1195 Fillmore street, today requested the State Journal to announce his withdrawal from the race for nomination for mayor at the coming city primaries.

"It was a surprise to me when I was announced as a candidate," said Mr. Short. "It was done by my friends who want to get out of politics. In fact, I do not believe I have ever really been in, so please say that I am not a candidate."

The House, J. J. Lannan and C. G. Blakely the candidates in the race up to date.

WHAT NEXT TO DO

Problem Is Confronting the United States Government.

Dignity of Nation Must Be Maintained, but How?

Washington, March 2.—Caught between two fires, the United States government today had under consideration what steps to take toward Germany in the latter's blockade against Germany.

Although officials flatly stated before receiving the English and French ultimatum that they saw nothing in the British reprisal plan to warrant further representation or negotiation today, they have apparently changed their minds and it is probable that a protest must be made to England to maintain this nation's dignity and, if possible, to save its commerce.

Their latest attitude was that a protest must be made to England to maintain this nation's dignity and, if possible, to save its commerce. However, it was agreed can be inflicted upon American commerce to and from Germany inasmuch as the trade is small. This government today took the view that for the sake of principle it should not stand idly by and have its non-contraband cargoes swept from the seas by the crossfire of the German submarine warfare and the English reprisal plan, which contemplates a virtual German blockade and the holding up of incoming and outgoing commerce with the fatherland.

President Wilson refused to discuss the subject in detail, but said that no nation had a right to change the rules of warfare because the methods of war had changed. He indicated that the United States would not change its official attitude of abstention but would continue to make effort to have the belligerents respect American shipping of a non-contraband character.

The president said it was not clear in his own mind whether the new action of the British and French governments established a blockade of Germany, although that would be the general effect of the order. He indicated that even though a real blockade were established no questions affecting the neutrality of the United States would be precipitated by the continued voyages of American ships to Germany. The president added he had not had opportunity to thoroughly digest the contents of the communication from Great Britain and France, but that the question was under serious consideration.

Senator Simmons of North Carolina, a Southern House member today, said that British-French action would hurt southern cotton growers, but would have more serious effect on cotton mills. That, he said, was due to the fact that most of the cotton goes to the supply on hand in this country is very small.

JACKSON NEW KAW MANAGER

Tri-State Leaguer Will Be at Head of Topeka Club.

Owner Savage Announces His Plans for Kaws Today.

PROMISES NEW PLAYERS

Two Pitchers and Infielder From Kansas City Blues.

Contracts Received From 10 of the 14 Players.

Jimmy Jackson, former manager of the Wilmington club of the Tri-State league, will be the manager of the Topeka team of the Western league for the 1915 season, according to an announcement made today by John Savage of Kansas City, owner of the local franchise, who is in the city preparing for the opening of the baseball campaign in the Kaw camp.

Jackson won the pennant in 1913 for Wilmington, finished fifth in 1914, the club disbanding before the season ended. Jackson is a veteran ballplayer and will act in the capacity of player-manager, as well as having absolute charge of the club for the season.

The baseball bug came to life in Topeka this morning when John Savage of Kansas City, the new owner of the club, arrived to begin the work of getting things into shape for the season.

THEY HAVE LOST!

Administration Admits Defeat in Appropriation Bills.

Appointment of Joint Committee to Meet Senate.

The administration late this afternoon virtually admitted defeat of their appropriation bills in the house and consented to the appointment of a joint committee to consider the appropriation bills for state charitable and educational institutions. Consideration of educational appropriations in the house this afternoon under a special order, was deferred for two days.

Action in the house followed the holding of the Republican caucus by four Republicans, leaving but 60 votes for the house bills—three short of a constitutional majority. Following a conference between Governor Capper, A. M. Keene and A. A. Doer, a resolution was offered calling for consideration of the bills by a joint committee. The action was a breaking of the administration ranks and a concession, at least in part, to the demands of the senate.

The hasty conference was called this afternoon, following the decision of the Democrats to fight for this motion to refer the bills back to the ways and means committee. If this fight had been lost, the Democrats, aided by several Republicans and Progressives, planned to fight to substitute the senate bills for the house bills. Outcome of the caucus may entirely change the appropriation situation. It is believed that some definite decision will be reached which will settle the fight between the two houses.

Should the house finally bolt its committee report, it is rumored that the bills will be passed as recommended by the senate and checked up to the governor for his veto of building items. The governor has stated that he will not sign the appropriation bills with the building items attached by the senate. The conference this afternoon was called to decide the course of the house majority and minority members.

MONTGOMERY DENIES IT

Topeka Theater Owner Answers Action in Automobile Damage Suit.

Answer, denying each and every allegation in damage suits aggregating \$6,500 filed against him about a month ago in the district court by Alfred Schmidt and Lena Schmidt, has been filed by the defendant in the suits, H. Brady Montgomery.

The damage suits filed by Schmidt and his wife allege that an auto driven by Montgomery struck a buggy in which they were riding August 23, 1914, and seriously injured Lena Schmidt. Montgomery is a prominent theater owner of Topeka.

Weather Forecast for Kansas. Probably rain tonight and Wednesday; not much change in temperature.

SHELL SHOCK RUINS TASTE.

London, March 2.—One of the curious effects of shell explosion reported at the military hospitals is the loss of the sense of taste and smell. Dr. Charles Myers states that he has met three cases of this in his own experience. The men received no flesh wounds at all, but because of their loss of sense they refused to eat, and distinguished by taste between sugar, quinine, acid and salt, which felt alike to the tongue.

These cases appear to constitute a definite class among shell-shock effects," says Dr. Myers. "The shells in question, appear to have burst with considerable noise, scattering much dust, but this was not accompanied by the production of odor. It is, therefore, difficult to understand why hearing should be unaffected and the ill result confined to the sense of sight, smell and taste. The close relation of these cases to those of hysteria appears certain."